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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FROM POSTAL AUTHORITIES
IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

1. SINCE EARLY THIS YEAR EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED COMPLAINTS
OF NON-RECEIPT OF SOCIAL SECURITY CHECKS IN THE STATE OF
VERACRUZ. APPROXIMATELY 85 OF CHECKS NOT RECEIVED.
EMBASSY IN MARCH REQUESTED GOM TO INVESTIGATE THE PROBLEM.
THE POSTAL DIRECTOR, LIC. ROMEO RINCON SERRANO, ASSIGNED
SEVERAL INSPECTORS TO LOOK INTO THE SITUATION.

2. GOM INVESTIGATION HAS REVEALED SERIOUS PROBLEM THAT
IS NATIONAL IN SCOPE, NOT LIMITED TO FEDERAL BENEFICIARIES
IN THE STATE OF VERACRUZ. THE INVESTIGATION HERE HAS
ALSO REVEALED THAT LETTERS ARE ARRIVING ALREADY OPENED
IN MAIL BAGS RECEIVED FROM THE U. S. A SIGNIFICANT
NUMBER OF THE OPENED ENVELOPES WERE MAILED FROM CHICAGO,
WHICH MAY INDICATE A PROBLEM IN U. S. POSTAL SERVICE
IN THAT AREA.

3. GOM POSTAL AUTHORITIES, THEREFORE, PROPOSE TO CONTINUE
INVESTIGATION IN FOLLOWING MANNER:

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A. ENVELOPES AND AMERICAN STAMPS HAVE ALREADY BEEN PUR-
CHASED IN THE STATES TO MAIL FROM THERE TO MEXICO CITY,
ADDRESSED TO FABRICATED NAMES AND ADDRESSES. THE EN-
VELOPES WILL CONTAIN A DOCUMENT AND SOME MONEY, THEREBY
MAKING THEM APPEAR INVITING TO ANYONE LOOKING FOR MONEY
IN ENVELOPES BEING MAILED FROM THE STATES. THE DOCUMENT
AND MONEY WILL HAVE BEEN TREATED WITH A CHEMICAL THAT

WILL SHOW UP UNDER BLACK LIGHT.

B. THREE MEXICAN POSTAL INSPECTORS PROPOSE TO CARRY THE ENVELOPES (400 TO CHICAGO, 400 TO DALLAS AND 700 TO LOS ANGELES) TO BE MAILED FROM THE THREE CITIES INDICATED.

C. INSPECTORS PROPOSE TO MAIL THE LETTERS FROM POSTAL FACILITIES AT THE AIRPORT. THEY WILL NEED COOPERATION OF THE POSTAL AUTHORITIES TO ENSURE THAT THE ENVELOPES ARE PROCESSED AND MAILED OUT ON THE SAME FLIGHT FROM EACH AIRPORT TO MEXICO CITY.

D. MEXICAN POSTAL INSPECTORS HERE IN MEXICO CITY WILL BE WAITING TO TRACK THE ENVELOPES. AFTER THE MAIL HAS BEEN PROCESSED THROUGH THE DISTRIBUTION CENTER HERE IN MEXICO, ALL OF THE MAIL HANDLERS WILL THEN BE TESTED TO DETERMINE IF ANY HAVE TAMPERED WITH THE MAIL. IN THIS WAY AUTHORITIES HOPE TO CATCH THE INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBLE FOR THE THEFTS.

4. THE MEXICAN POSTAL INSPECTORS FACE THREE PROBLEMS:

1) CLEARING U. S. CUSTOMS WITH THE ENVELOPES TO BE MAILED; 2) OBTAINING THE COOPERATION OF THE U. S. POSTAL AUTHORITIES AT THE THREE CITIES INVOLVED AND UNCLASSIFIED

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ENSURING THAT ALL OF THE ENVELOPES ARE PROCESSED THROUGH THE POSTAL SYSTEM AND MAILED ON THE SAME FLIGHT TO MEXICO CITY; 3) THEY WILL ALSO NEED SOME INTERPRETING ASSISTANCE, AS NONE OF THEM SPEAK ENGLISH.

5. CUSTOMS ATTACHE AT THE EMBASSY SAYS THERE SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM IN FACILITATING ENTRY WITH THE ENVELOPES. HE WILL CONTACT THE CUSTOMS OFFICE IN DALLAS WHO WILL THEN CONTACT THE CUSTOMS OFFICES IN THE OTHER TWO CITIES. CUSTOMS OFFICES WILL NEED TO BE INFORMED AS TO WHO WILL BE THE POSTAL INSPECTOR CONTACT AT EACH OF THE THREE CITIES SO THAT THE TWO SERVICES CAN COORDINATE.

6. ACTION REQUESTED:

EMBASSY HAS DISCUSSED PLAN WITH THE CHICAGO POSTAL INSPECTOR'S OFFICE, WHICH SUGGESTED THAT THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF POSTAL INSPECTOR IN WASHINGTON, D. C. BE CONTACTED SINCE THE PROJECT WOULD HAVE TO BE COORDINATED FROM WASHINGTON. WE WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN CONTACTING MR. C. NEIL BENSON, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF POSTAL INSPECTOR, 475 L'ENFANT PLAZA, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20260 TO DISCUSS FEASIBILITY OF

PROPOSED PLAN AND, IF NO OBJECTION PERCEIVED, TO MAKE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS. THE MEXICAN CHIEF POSTAL INSPECTOR'S NAME IS OSCAR LOAEZA AND HIS TELEPHONE NUMBERS IN MEXICO CITY ARE 519-85-05 OR 529-89-58.
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7. FOLLOWING ARE THE NAMES OF THE MEXICAN POSTAL INSPECTORS WHO WILL BE INVOLVED: ARTURO LADRON DE GUEVARA PEREZ, TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, SALVADOR MAGANA CASTRO, TO DALLAS, TEXAS, JESUS CORIA CORIA, TO CHICAGO,

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8. THE POSTAL AUTHORITIES IN MEXICO CITY WOULD LIKE OUR COOPERATION IN EXPEDITING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THIS INVESTIGATION, IF POSSIBLE SO THAT THE MAILING COULD TAKE PLACE ON MONDAY, JULY 11. THOMPSON

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